## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

City of Eugene, Oregon

## **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: May 17, 2014, is the fourth Kids to Parks Day organized and launched by the National Park Trust; and

WHEREAS: Kids to Parks Day empowers kids and encourages families to get outdoors and visit America's parks; and

WHEREAS: It is important to introduce a new generation to our nation's parks because of the decline in park attendance over the last decades; and

WHEREAS: We should encourage children to lead a more active lifestyle to combat the issues of childhood obesity, diabetes mellitus, hypertension and hypercholesterolemia; and

WHEREAS: Kids to Parks Day is open to all children and adults across the country to encourage a large and diverse group of participants; and

WHEREAS: Kids to Parks Day will broaden children's appreciation for nature and the outdoors;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kitty Piercy, Mayor of the City of Eugene, Oregon, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2014, to be

## "Kids to Parks Day"

in Eugene, Oregon, and urge everyone in the community to make time on May 17, 2014, to take the children in their lives to a neighborhood, state or national park.

Kitty Piercy
Mayor of Eugene
May 11, 2014